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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-5.

Claims 6-7, 11, 13, 15-17, 19-20 and 22-24 are amended.

Remarks begin on page 6.